



Research Assistant

The Irish Fiscal Advisory Council is an independent statutory body. It was established as part of wider reforms of Ireland's budgetary framework. It plays a key role in assessing fiscal policy, macroeconomic and budgetary forecasts and monitoring compliance with Irish and EU fiscal rules.

The Council is seeking a Research Assistant. The position will be attractive to those interested in policy and eager to pursue a career in economics.

Job Specification

The successful candidate will primarily work as part of a dynamic team, mainly Economists, supporting the Council. They will also work directly with highly experienced Council members who are drawn from academia, think-tanks and international bodies. Dedicated supervision and training will be provided. Skills acquired on completion of the term could be applied to PhD research or public or private sector roles. Key duties will include:

- Contributing to assessments of macroeconomic and budgetary issues; forecast assessments; and to Council publications.
- Developing the Council's analysis of demographics and public spending.
- Helping to build analytical tools for analysing policy and forecasts.
- Contributing to the Council's wider research agenda.

The successful candidate would be required to have:

- A Master's in economics and a good background in economics.
- A knowledge of EU and EU Member State public finances.
- Excellent writing, interpersonal, teamwork and communications skills.

Terms & Conditions

Successful candidates will initially be appointed on a two-year, fixed term basis, with a possible extension. Terms and conditions in line with the Irish civil service and a probationary period of 6 months apply. The position will be based in the Council's offices shared with the ESRI at Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2.

Salary

The Research Assistant salary is linked to the civil service scale for an Administrative Officer (Standard Scale PPC): €32,405, €34,849, €35,546, €38,606, €42,522, €45,502, €48,484, €51,475, €54,458, €57,429, €59,489¹, €61,545¹. Entry will normally be at the minimum of the scale and remuneration may be adjusted in line with Government pay policy. Different pay and conditions may apply if the appointee is already a serving Civil Servant or Public Servant.

Application Procedure

Applicants should submit (1) a one-page cover letter indicating suitability for the role, (2) a completed application form, and (3) a CV to admin@FiscalCouncil.ie by **no later than Sunday 3rd November 2019**. Late/incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicants now in Master's programmes can apply and secondment arrangements will be considered. The start date is negotiable.

¹After 3 Years and after 6 years satisfactory service at maximum, respectively.